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PREFACE.

By mail.

DURING the past nine years, Mr. Sawin, Principal of Point Street Grammar School, Providence, R. I., has carefully examined a large proportion of the books published in this country that might be suitable to recommend to young people. He has selected the very best of these, and has published a graded and annotated list of them each year. These lists have been widely used and highly commended by those best qualified to judge of their merit. The following is his ninth annual list, as prepared and published by him.

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